

April 20, 1977

LB 290, 30

CLERK: 23 ayes to raise the Call.

PRESIDENT: The Call is raised. Senator DeCamp. Were there any further amendments?

CLERK: The Committee amendments are still pending.

PRESIDENT: Oh, that is right. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, there is another motion on the bill.

PRESIDENT: We have amendments pending.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, in view of the fact that the bill has been so radically changed, I think the Speaker has the authority to refer it back to committee and if he would exercise that, then I would not make the motion I am going to make.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: We said that we would only go for an hour on this and we have got one other matter before the hour is up, I think we will just put it over until tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: All right, it will just stay right where it is.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Leave it where we are right now and take it up tomorrow pending. Lamb on 30 and then we are going to go to appropriations.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 30 was returned to Select File for specific amendment to strike \$24 and insert \$20. Signed Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we might just review slightly. This bill has been kicked around quite a bit. It has had a lot of amendments which mostly have been rejected. It now stands at a \$24 food tax rebate. My amendment would remove the \$24 and put the sales tax credit back at \$20 as the bill was originally introduced. As you know, the Governor has suggested that he will probably veto the \$24 credit and it is over his anticipated budget. If he does that, then it would put the food tax credit back at \$16 which most of us consider to be too low. We believe that \$20 is within the ball park and is a reasonable compromise and I suggest you adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Lamb is new and he is trying to do something which he thinks is going to give the citizens some consideration as far as the refund is concerned and for that I commend you, but on other matters as far as strategy and tactics, Senator Lamb is in error by not being totally aware of the options open to us. Since more than 25 voted to add this amendment to this bill raising the credit from \$16 to \$24, I think we ought to stick to that point. We need not withdraw legislation or back away from a position we took on conviction merely because of the threat of a veto. We need not be intimidated, but so that people will realize our back is not up against

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